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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Sir, it was decided in the last Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Canberra, that the Colombo aid should be extended for another five or ten years. That was the unanimous opinion of all the countries which participated in that conference. Has any intimation been received by this Government about it and if so, is it likely to be extended for another term of five years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have that particular information with me now.

Hindi letters on milestones

* 507 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether this Government have represented to the Centre recently not to inscribe Hindi letters on milestones on the roads?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No, Sir.

Price of tamarind

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : மிளகாய், புளி இவைகளைப்பற்றி இன்னும் இரண்டு கேள்விகள் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே அவைகளையும் சேர்த்து ஒன்றாய் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : அவ்விதம் ஒன்றாய் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம்.

* 508 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED,
SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR,
SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of rise in the price of tamarind; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to reduce the prices?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) In order to bring down the price of this commodity, the Government of India have been addressed in January 1960 to considerably restrict its export.

Export of tamarind and chillies

* 509 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED,
SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government for banning the export of tamarind and chillies; and

(*b*) if so, the reason for such a ban?